

San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

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Next General Meeting:
March 15 at 7 PM,
at Clifford School

President's Message

Hello 4Her's!

It's the exciting month of March where our animal raising members begin getting their large animals and spring begins to hint at its nearing arrival.

This month's theme is glassware! Being the 4-H club in San Carlos, every year we have a booth at Hometown Days to raise money for our club. This year we will have the same booth as last year, a "4-H Dime Toss"! For this booth, we would love to have our members donate glassware. Be sure to check around the house and garage for any spare glassware.

Also at the March general meeting we will have our annual cookie judging contest! Where members bring in cookies they have made to be judged, (this also means eating them, YUM!). The more cookies the merrier, I encourage everyone to find a favorite recipe and bring some cookies to be judged!

Hope to see everyone next meeting with a plate of cookies and a box of glassware in hand! Happy March!

Your President,
Rebecca Lewit



UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

Mar. 15	7PM General Meeting
Mar. 16	Mandatory Fair meeting for all first time livestock exhibitors and ALL Livestock Project Leaders, San Mateo County Fairgrounds
Mar. 19	12PM – 4PM Favorite Foods Day, Sandpiper Community Center
Mar. 21	6 – 7PM Countywide Youth Leadership Meeting, Fox School, Belmont
Mar. 21	7PM County Council Meeting
Mar. 22	7PM Steering Committee Meeting, Knoth's house, 519 Prospect
Mar. 25	Scholarship I due at County Office by 5PM
Apr. 2	Market Hog Ear Tagging, time TBA
Apr. 11	All animal entries due to Fair office
Apr. 17	9 – 12 noon, SMC Fair Market Sheep & Goat pre check-in
Apr. 30	12PM County 4-H Fashion Revue & Craft Expo, College of San Mateo

Record Books Due in May

All record books will be collected at the May General Meeting. This is an especially important deadline for members who are bringing animals to the County Fair. The Fair requires that you be in "good standing" to take your animals through the gate and we must have your record book for that to be true! All members are encouraged to turn in a record book. If you would like any help, please call Maeve and Bruce (654-4975). We encourage you to make an appointment to drop by our house and work on your book with our help.

Hometown Days is Fast Approaching

Our 4-H Club has a big presence at San Carlos' Hometown Days and we want this year to continue our tradition. Plan on participating in three ways:
Saturday, May 21, 9:45 AM - PARADE FLOAT.
Saturday and Sunday, May 21-22, our club will host two booths. Plan to sign up for either the DIME TOSS or the INFORMATION BOOTH. There will be sign-up sheets at our club meetings.

Glassware Needed

In order to make the DIME TOSS a success, we also need you to collect glassware for prizes. Check your cupboards, ask your neighbors, talk to your grandparents. If each member brings a full box of miscellaneous cups, glasses, plates etc ... then we will have enough prizes for the weekend. Bring glassware to the meetings or drop off at the Weaver home, at 2145 Greenwood Avenue, San Carlos.

4-H Summer Camp Registration Coming Soon

San Mateo County 4-H holds a summer camp at Jones Gulch for one week in June. This year, camp runs from June 19-24, 2011. Want to be one of the first to know when camp registration opens? 4-H camp is a resident camp for members ages 9 and up.

Please note: Use the following links ONLY when viewing this newsletter online. Register here to be notified: <http://ucanr.org/4HCampRegistrationRequest> .

Cookie-judging Contest at General Meeting!

Bring a batch of your favorite homemade cookies to the March general meeting and participate in the Jr. Judging contest! Your cookies will be judged on three criteria: taste, texture, and appearance.

Then it's your turn. 4-H members will sample and judge three cookies, earning points each time they match the judges' score. The 4-H member with the highest score wins! You can put this in your record book as participating in a junior judging contest.

Two things to remember: **bring cookies** and **bring a lot of cookies**. There are many members who want to participate and we like to have enough cookies for the younger siblings, too. So make your cookies small and bring the whole batch!

San Mateo County Fair: What Are You Showing?

Maybe you are thinking that the County Fair is just for 4-H'ers who are raising animals? Wrong! Do you build with Lego's? Do you like to make models? Could you bake a favorite cookie? How about setting a beautiful table? Check out the Fair premium book and see what strikes your fancy at www.sanmateocountyfair.com . Let's have 100% club participation this year!

Uniform Check-up: Do You Have All the Pieces?

Do you need to get a 4-H uniform? Uniforms are only required if you are showing an animal at fair. You are not *required* to wear a uniform at any other 4-H event, but we like having some members in uniform at Hometown Days and other events.

We will have the club's current supply of small uniform pieces and club t-shirts at the March general meeting. Read below the description of the complete uniform. Note the prices for the small items that may be purchased through the club and where you can go to get your "whites". Bring cash for your club purchases or remind your parents to bring their checkbooks. Also, remember to bring your old, clean whites to the meeting or up to the farm to be recycled.

San Carlos-Eaton Hills 4-H Uniform Regulations

General Requirements

- Uniforms are only required if you are showing an animal at fair.
- You are not required to wear a uniform at any 4-H event.

Bottoms:

- White canvas pants or white jeans (jeans recommended if showing an animal).

We have a good selection of hand-me-down pants at the farm. Check 'em out!

- Brown or black belt with matching shoes.
- White shorts or skirts are optional for girls not exhibiting animals.

Shirt:

- White.
- Long-sleeved. (Short sleeves OK if not showing an animal.)
- Collared.
- Must be worn tucked in.

You can find shirts at department stores (boy's department) and thrift shops, and also check out the hand-me-downs at the farm.

- Most girls wear boys' shirts.

Tie or Scarf:

- Must be the official 4-H tie or scarf.
- Girls wear scarf or tie; boys wear tie.

These items are available through the club, while supplies last. Contact Vikki Jeffers at 796-5933 or mvvjeffers@hotmail.com.

Hat:

- Must be the official 4-H hat.
- K-8th graders wear the green hat; high school students wear the white hat.

These items are available through the club, while supplies last. Contact Vikki Jeffers at 796-5933 or mvvjeffers@hotmail.com.

Volunteer at Favorite Foods Day

The 2011 Favorite Foods Day will be held on Saturday, **March 19th** from 12:00 to 4:00 pm at the Sandpiper Community Center in Redwood Shores. This event is open to all youth currently enrolled in a food project. Please look for the registration packet on the county website under Events and Forms.

Check in - 12 pm

Judging - 1:00 pm

Buffet & Awards - 3:00pm

Favorite Foods Day provides an opportunity for members in any food project to show off their cooking skills and receives constructive feedback. Kids that participate have a lot of fun, learn something, and develop poise, self confidence and get to sample a lot of really great food. It can be entered in your record book as a demonstration/presentation also.

Entry form can be found in the March 2011 issue of Highlights (page 3) or downloaded off the county website:

http://cesanmateo.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/4-H_Events_and_Forms.htm

We are looking for help on the day of the event. We still need: A Kitchen Watcher & Buffet set-up help Registration help (we need two people) Stage Monitor & Decorated

Cupcake Contest monitor. We need someone good in math to help with tallying the Decorated Cupcake Contest winners and we also need runners for this event. I have detailed job descriptions/instructions for all of the above duties so it is VERY easy if you have never done this role before. We also are looking for Judges and someone to run a food related workshop on the stage. Last year we had a cookie decorating workshop. The kids loved it and would love to something in that vein again this year. We also need exhibits from food related projects. If you want to showcase your food related project, please let me know.

Leilani Hanaike is the Youth Co-Chair. Her phone is (650) 269-7613. We are looking for someone to chair this event next year also.

For more information please contact Linda Gilbraith at lgilbraith@hotmail.com, or (650) 438-0619

Project Reports

Beginning 4-H

On Saturday, March 4, the Beginning 4-H group completed a woodwork project. It was so much fun! First we got to saw the legs and neck. Second, we sanded the beak and feet. Third, the eyes and legs were glued. Then we painted our ducks. After that we had a special lemon cake. Did we mention how much fun it was? We can't wait for next month's animal meeting.

~ Sophia and Alexander Krackov

Middle Ages Decisive Battles, Arms & Weaponry

On February 12th 2011, everyone made their coat of arms. It was either made on a Heater or a Spanish Rounded (I hope I'm right about these). I chose a Heater and used a chevron (a chevron looks like this > except turned upwards). Everyone had a symbol on their coat of arms. Mine was a dragon. There were two different kinds of colors, metal and color. Metal colors were gold and silver. *Color* colors were every color that was *not* gold or silver. A metal symbol had to be on a color background, and a color symbol had to be on a metal background. I had green above the chevron, the chevron itself was red, the space below the chevron that was not filled up by the dragon was black, and the dragon was gold. That was what *my* coat of arms looked like, but there are so many more and I think that you, yes you, should check some more out!

~ Nathan Humphries

Wildflower Hiking Project

We went for a hike in Edgewood Preserve on Sunday. It was really muddy in a lot of places. Our project leader is Sandra Bernhard. She showed us what poison oak looks like and to avoid touching any part of it so we don't catch the itchies. I like the hounds tongue the best. And we touched a tree that was cold; I think it's called manroot. It was a long walk and I was tired. At the end Sandra passed out flashcards of the plants we found.

~ Elyssa Lucas

UC Davis Field Day

The College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences at UC Davis had a field day starting on March 4th and lasting until the next day, March 5th. It was completely student run and include contests like Job Interview, Parliamentary Procedure, Dairy Cattle Judging, Meats Judging, Light Horse Judging, Specialty Animals, Livestock Judging, Horticulture and Poultry Judging. On the first night, I competed for the job interview and won the High Individual for 4-H! It was a great competition, although I was way outnumbered by the FFA participants. The next morning I entered in Poultry Judging that lasted for four hours including all of the FFA stations, the two contests are different for 4-H and FFA, but all of the stations had to be included to be fair. There were only five 4-H'ers entered and I won second individual and second team, but both Spencer Downey (first place winner) and I had a higher score than all of the FFA students.

~ Peri Wong

A Rockin' Experience

On February 26, 2011 I went to the farm. From 11-3 I was moving rocks from the bottom of the farm to the top where the drain is. Everyone was covered in mud and dirt by the end. The Lions Club came and brought us pizza for lunch and everyone was really happy and thankful. So you should come out to the farm you get to learn a lot of new things.

-Maeve Keegan



Parade Your Pride Car Show

On June 5, 2011, the San Carlos Lions Club will be hosting the "Parade Your Pride" car show at Sparky's Hot Rod Garage, 975 Industrial Road in San Carlos. The proceeds from this benefit car show will be donated to our club, San Carlos Eaton Hills. We need to show our club pride by assisting the San Carlos Lions Club. This is a fun event and a good experience for 4-H'ers who are unfamiliar with car shows. A list of volunteer jobs will be forthcoming.

The Community Service Project Update

Thank you to all who donated to our blanket drive. We donated 2 comforters, 2 sheets sets, 15 blankets, and 14 jackets. We went to The Redwood City Shelter Network and delivered the donations and stayed and served dinner to about 75 homeless people. We made cookies and brownies for them. It was very much appreciated. They appreciated what we did so much that they asked us to come back, and we will. Thanks again to everyone who donated, it will make a difference.

~ Sarah Sutherland



Want to Kiss a Pig?

This year at Hometown Days, our club is partnering with the San Carlos Lions on a new activity to raise funds for both our clubs, and more importantly, the county-wide 4H scholarship fund. We have lots of seniors, and lots of kids coming up the ranks who will be looking for money for college. Let's help replenish the bank account and have some fun.

Anyone who raises \$250 in sponsorship gets to (has to?) kiss a pig at Hometown Days. Imagine this scenario: Your school principal is already going to be at Hometown Days. You, along with the other 4-Hers at your school, collect donations of \$1, \$5 or any amount at the carpool drop-off circle for a couple of days until your total comes to \$250. Wow, you did it. Now your school principal gets to kiss the pig! Think about community members who might be willing to participate. Do you know a Realtor who is game? Would her office mates donate to the scholarship fund to get her to kiss a pig? How about your dentist? Your grandmother? Maybe your grandmother wants to write a check for the scholarship fund so YOU get to kiss the pig!

Be creative and consider it *your responsibility* to drum up some support for this fun new activity. Talk to Scot Marsters or Bruce and Maeve Knoth with questions.

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Havana Rabbits

Broken and black Havana rabbits bucks and does for \$50 to \$20. They are show quality and very friendly. Contact me at (650)722-3124 or peritree@sbcglobal.net

Thank you!

~ Peri Wong

Want to find out more about 4-H?

You can view the current, and past, issues of *Highlights*, the San Mateo County 4-H monthly online newsletter at http://cesanmateo.ucdavis.edu/newsletterfiles4-H_Highlights_Monthly_Newsletter15187.pdf .

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Next newsletter deadline: April 12

We welcome and encourage articles written by 4-H members. Please email articles to the attention of Shelle McGee-Lucas at straycatgt@comcast.net